

CLAIMS:

1. A tamper-evident closure for a container, the closure comprising;

a first portion including inner and outer parts, and

5 a second portion,

the outer part is movable relative to the inner part from a first position in which the outer part is immediately adjacent the second portion to a second position in which there is an unobstructed gap therebetween, the inner and outer parts are adapted to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part cannot be moved

10 back to the first position to close the gap.

2. A closure according to claim 1, wherein the second portion is adapted to be connected to a container and the first portion comprises a cap.

15 3. A closure according to claim 2, wherein the second portion is permanently fixed in its position on the container.

4. A closure according to claim 1, wherein the first portion is adapted to engage an in-bore fitment associated with the container.

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5. A closure according to claim 1, wherein the first portion includes a ratchet arrangement for locking the inner and outer parts in the second position.

25 6. A closure according to claim 5, wherein the first portion includes engagement formations and the ratchet arrangement is located above the formations.

7. A closure according to claim 1, wherein the gap is formed at the respective adjacent peripheries of the portions.

8. A closure according to claim 1, wherein the inner part includes a part which extends beyond the outer part towards the second portion in the second position, the part is positioned so as to be visible through the gap.

- 5 9. In combination a container and a tamper-evident closure, the closure comprising:
- a first portion including inner and outer parts, and
 - a second portion,
- the second portion is connected to the container and the first portion is a removable top cap, the first portion outer part is movable relative to the inner part from a
10 first position in which the outer part is immediately adjacent the second portion to a second position in which there is an empty, unobstructed gap therebetween, thereafter the first portion is removable and the inner and outer parts are adapted to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap when the first portion is replaced.

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10. A combination according to claim 9, wherein the combination further comprises an in-bore fitment connectable to the container, the first portion being adapted to engage the fitment.